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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-8, as amended, remain herein.

Claims 9-13 remain herein, but are currently withdrawn from consideration.

Applicants note and thank the Examiner for acknowledging allowable subject matter in claims 2-8.

1. Applicants continue provisionally to elect, with traverse, Species 1, Figs. 1, 2A, 2B, and 3A-C. Claims 1-8 read on Species 1 and the Office Action admits that each of claims 1-3 is generic to all species identified in the Office Action.

2. Applicants have amended claim 1, thereby mooting the rejections thereto under 35 U.S.C. §112, paragraphs one and two.

3. Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 2, thereby mooting the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Wallow et al. U.S. Patent 4,702,172.

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Accordingly, the application is now fully in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The PTO is hereby authorized to charge/credit any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293 (Order No. 28971.0111). If further amendments would place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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